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JUST FOR FUN - Pond hockey players from Elk Point and St. Paul scramble for the puck in one of the games at Saturday's tournament in Elk Point, where players took to the ice to enjoy their favourite sport while developing new skills.

Janice Huser photo

Pond hockey tourney fun for everyone

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

A handful of teams took over the A. G. Ross Arena on Saturday, and while the kids played hard and had lots of friends and family cheering them on in the stands, the main goal of the day wasn't a competitive one – rather it was to simply hit the ice and have fun.

"The pond hockey program in Elk Point is just a great way for our kids to have fun and give kids an opportunity to play hockey and learn more about the game while developing their skills and abilities," says Gina Swedgan, explaining the pond hockey program after the busy day wrapped up.

Pond hockey programs exist in a number of communities across the area, and give young athletes a low-key environment to play hockey and learn the game.

The pond hockey tournament in Elk Point included two teams from St. Paul, a team from Mallaig, and a team from Vermilion, along with the hometown Elk Point team. Games started bright and early at 9 a.m., and wrapped up just around the supper hour.

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New sign will celebrate Elk Point's Oiler Mark Letestu

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point town council made short work of a very long agenda last week, with one of their decisions approving the creation and installation of a sign proudly declaring that Elk Point is the home town of Mark Letestu. Deputy Mayor Lorne Young chaired the meeting while Mayor Parrish Tung caught up on the town's recent developments while he was on an extended visit to Hong Kong.

The sign is an initiative of the town's Recreation Board, in celebration of the Edmonton Oiler who started his hockey career in "The Right Place to Be", and who continues to be a positive role model and ambassador for our community, recently dropping in at A. G. Ross Arena to skate with the youngsters and sign autographs. Last year, he was instrumental in obtaining 18 sets of hockey equipment to be used for minor hockey, ensuring all young players will have the opportunity to take part in the sport.

In the discussion leading up to the decision, it was noted that another NHL player, Sheldon Souray, had been born in Elk Point, however he did not play his minor hockey here and now claims Fishing Lake as

his home town.

The Letestu sign, which will be located along Highway 41 at the south entrance to town, could also solve a problem which has concerned the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce, by repurposing the solar light installed by the town at the Iron Horse Trail Staging Area sign, which past president Jonny Nielsen said prevented the sun from reaching the EcoCentre solar array for part of the day, to illuminate the new sign instead.

Walking trail tender awarded

Council received a letter from Select Engineering Consultants Ltd. reporting that four tenders had been received for the Railway Ave. extension of the Elk Point walking trail system, with Select recommending Raiders Site Services Ltd. as their choice for the project, with a bid of \$229,976 for the Option 2 coming in almost \$50,000 below the next highest bidder. Select also noted "excellent past performance on similar projects" as one factor in their recommendation.

The cost of the project will come from the town's 2016 Municipal Sustainability Initiative grant.

Grant supported

Both the Town of Elk Point and the County of St. Paul have now provided letters of support to the Elk

Point and District Lions Club, who are applying for a Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant to put toward replacement of the inoperable lighting system at Elk Point Airport, a facility which is jointly operated by the town and county.

Airport lease agreement

A lease agreement approved by both the town and county for the airport was submitted to the Province of Alberta for their approval, but came back with a change in wording of one clause, as required by the province.

Transfer Station

A list of changes to the Transfer Station Joint Use Agreement was brought forward from the Feb. 15 Public Works meeting, ranging from a change in the title to include "and Operations" to changes in provision of access and equipment. The revised agreement will now be forwarded to the county for their review.

Regional Strategic Plan

A number of updates in the Regional Strategic Business Plan 2016 were viewed and approved by council. The plan includes the towns of Elk Point and St. Paul, the County of St. Paul and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay.

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COUNTY OF ST. PAUL No. 19



HIGHLIGHTS

March 14, 2017 Council Meeting

Municipal Census – The County will be conducting a municipal census, which must be completed by June 30th. A census form with a self-addressed return envelope will be mailed out to all residents in Mid-April. Residents will have until the end May to complete and return the census forms either by mail or online. Enumerators will then be sent out to see residents who do not respond. Residents are encouraged to complete the census form as our municipal census is used by the province when calculating grant funding for our municipality.

Annual Meeting – will be held May 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Public Works Shop.

Bylaws – Council approved a new Fee Schedule Bylaw which reflects the rate changes approved for Planning and Development as well as new damage deposit rates for the ASB equipment.

Council also approved a new Utilities Bylaw to update the current water rate structure which reflects the rate changes resulting from the water rate analysis prepared by Urban Systems. Council determined in 2012 that they would move to a user pay principle in their Water Service Delivery Policy. This increase in rates is taking effect March 14, 2017.

Penalties Bylaw 2017-13 was also approved by Council. The bylaw consolidates all penalties charged by the County which were previously listed in the Fee Schedule Bylaw. The Penalties Bylaw also caused minor wording changes to the Noise, Fire, Cemetery, Dog Control, Municipal and Reserve Land Regulation, and Corridor Regulation Bylaws. The new bylaws were approved and can be viewed on the County website.

Planning and Development – Council gave first reading to Bylaw No. 2017-15 to amend Section 7.18 Keeping of Animals in Land Use Bylaw 2013-50. The bylaw will be amended so no animals other than domestic pets and a maximum of 6 laying hens shall be kept on parcels within the General Urban, Country Residential One, Country Residential Two, Light Industrial Residential and Recreational Vehicle Districts; Livestock shall only be kept on parcels within the Agriculture District. Council also gave first reading to Bylaw No. 2017-16 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to provide a notwithstanding clause for communication towers to reduce the setback from the allowed 20 percent of tower height to 2 percent of tower height on Lot 37, Block 1, Plan 7622036 and Lot 110, Block 2, Plan 7922205.

Funding Support:

- \$500 – St. Paul Atom to attend Provincial Hockey Tournament
- \$500 – Elk Point Atoms to attend Provincial Hockey Tournament
- \$1,000 – St. Paul Senior Citizens Club Transportation Grant

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Council

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Baptist Church

Elk Point Baptist Church has approached the town asking for permission to install a system that would allow the use of ground water for toilets in the facility. A recommendation from the Public Works meeting was approved, stating that the system must be installed by a qualified professional, it must be totally separate from the town's water supply system, written confirmation must be submitted ensuring that these steps have been followed and Jay Duffee must inspect the finished project.

Municipal Library

Job descriptions for the Summer Reading Program Coordinator and Library Assistant at Elk Point Municipal Library, as previously approved by the library board, were brought before council, who gave their approval.

The Library Board also sent a letter asking for the reappointment of board members Laverne Wilson and Sherry Milholland, for another three-year term. Council ratified the appointments.

Golf Club

Council approved sending a letter to the Elk Point Golf and Country Club giving them permission to use the town's old water reservoir for golf course operations as long as it is replenished and as long as a temporary diversion license is obtained from the province for water from Atimoswe Creek. This letter will be used in the club's application for the water diversion license.

Hockey provincials

Elk Point Minor Hockey is hosting the Midget D Provincials on March 23 to 26, and wrote to the town asking council to consider a \$1,000 contribution toward the tournament. Council agreed, with the funding to come from the Provincials Hosting fund.

Personnel Policy

Revisions to the town's Personnel Policy were brought to Council, and included amendments to the hours of work and performance reviews, the first accommodating the increased hours at the transfer station and for garbage collection, and changes in wording in the performance review clause. These changes were approved.

Regional Waste Management

Deputy Mayor Young and Coun. Debra McQuinn attended the March 9 workshop on an organic waste management facility, and agreed this is currently in the information gathering stage, with a lot of questions to be answered before any further steps can be taken.

Fire Inspector and Investigator

Council approved the designation of Robert Duffy as the Fire Inspector and Investigator for Fire Discipline under the Safety Codes Act for the Town of Elk Point, with the fire department operating budget to be increased by \$1,500 for this service. Duffy is both competent and qualified for the role, and as yet, the fire department does not have a person with these qualifications, who could be added to this position when such qualifications are obtained.

Fire Department

A motion was brought forward from the Fire Board meeting that Fire Chief Jordan Cousins provide both the town and county with a list of training the firefighters have completed, including dates of completion.

The firefighters have also been asked to sign a memo indicating that they acknowledge the town's procedure for operating vehicles with air brakes, requiring a valid Q-E endorsement.

After an in camera meeting with Cousins, he was officially appointed as the new Fire Chief by Town Council, with Mike Erst ratified as Deputy Chief, as appointed by members of Elk Point Fire Department. Ken Dion is the new secretary for EPFD. Town Council and Administration are excited to be working with the new team lead by Jordan Cousins serving Elk Point and District in all our fire needs.

Returning officer

With municipal elections coming up in October, CAO Ken Gwozd recommended Lynn Proski for the position of returning officer on election day.

Waste Water

The Town of Elk Point has been approached by industry to accept wastewater from work camps in this area, and the recently expanded lagoons have adequate space to accommodate the effluent. Council agreed to accept the material for disposal at the cost of \$15 per cubic meter. Volume will be tracked with a record sheet.

Snow removal

Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich brought concerns from the Community Advisory Policing Committee to the meeting, regarding snow removal in the area between the schools at a time when students and buses were leaving the schools. He also noted that sidewalks had not been cleared at two locations in the downtown. A problem with removing snow and ice along the curb due to parked vehicles that had ignored the street cleaning signs was also discussed.

Agreements approved

Following their in-camera session, Town Council approved a Land Purchase Agreement with the County of St. Paul for lands where Transfer Station operates. This means that the county will be a 50 per cent owners with the town in this quarter section, including the Transfer Station and dry waste pit as well as the balance of the property. Dramac Appraisals did an appraisal and the County's 50 per cent payment is \$300,000. The town is now in the process of signing the purchase contract and putting the county on title.

The town and county are also updating the Operations Agreement for the Transfer Station. With the new purchase agreement and new salt shed buildings on lands contracted by County, the town has access to salt and sand, as well as some equipment for loading. Also, the Transfer Station will be opening three days week starting April 1, 2017 - Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. This is a great partnership between municipalities to increase the services to all residents. The mayor and council have worked hard these past years to develop a strong and healthy relationship with the County of St. Paul, and thank Reeve Steve Upham and County Council as well as their administration for their leadership and continued dedication in working together as a regional partner for entire community.

Another agreement was on the revised lease between Alberta Transportation and the County and Town for the Elk Point Airport for 10 years. The Province owns the airport and the County and Town operate it.

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Provincial budget red ink alarms opposition

JANANI WHITFIELD
Review Staff

Red ink swam before 'opposition parties' eyes last week, as the NDP government introduced its third consecutive deficit of \$10.3 billion, borrowing to continue spending, while not bringing in new taxes or tax increases.

In his budget speech last Thursday, Finance Minister Joe Ceci argued the NDP government is steering a road to diversifying the economy, while sheltering Albertans from the shock of a loss in natural resource revenue.

"When the oil price shock hit our economy, Albertans were faced with a choice. Some said – and still say – that government should make deep cuts to public services, such as health care and education," he said, adding these suggestions would have led to worsening conditions for Albertans. "That's why our government made a different choice. We stayed focused, and we are executing a plan to diversify our economy and help families through the downturn."

He said there are "green shoots" that suggest economic growth, with the Conference Board of Canada predicting Alberta's real GDP will grow by 2.8 per cent, the fastest among the provinces. Ceci said the government would work to keep spending growth lower than the combined rate of inflation and population growth, and noted "our debt-to-GDP ratio is the lowest among the provinces."

But opposition parties voiced their alarm at the spending in the budget.

David Hanson, MLA for Lac La Biche – St. Paul – Two Hills, said he was disappointed by a string of planned deficits and "no real plan to get back to a balanced budget in the foreseeable future."

Alberta's debt is projected to rise to \$45 billion this year, rising again to \$71.1 billion by 2019-20, with debt servicing estimated to cost \$2.3 billion by then, a number which Hanson cites as a major concern for him.

"That's the equivalent if you combine the Justice ministry, Energy, Children's Services and Environment. So you've got four major ministries that you could be running for free if you weren't running

\$2.3 billion in debt servicing," he said.

The government's goal to produce a balanced budget by 2023 hinges on rebounding oil prices of \$68 per barrel in 2020 and increased production based on new pipelines, but Hanson said he doesn't have expectations that the NDP will balance the budget, given its spending.

Ceci noted the government must work to bring down the growth of government spending. In his speech, he noted the government has cut Alberta's agencies, boards and commission CEOs' salaries and bonuses, streamlined programs, frozen civil service wages, and signed an agreement with doctors that saves up to \$500 million over two years, all of which has led to half a billion dollars of in-year savings and reductions of expenses.

Hanson acknowledged that while these were steps in the right direction, he suggested there has to be a wage freeze and reductions across the board, particularly in the layers of management of Alberta Health Services. Health spending is up in this budget, to a record \$21.4 billion expense.

"We've got a way to go. It's going to be painful, there's no doubt about it, but we need to start somewhere instead of passing this (debt) off to future generations."

And while new schools and a hospital were announced for Edmonton to fanfare, Hanson doesn't expect to hear any big news for the Lac La Biche – St. Paul – Two Hills riding.

"I don't foresee any major projects in our area. Oil and gas are going to come back in a vengeance in the next 10 years, I think – we're going to need that infrastructure down the road."

Education spending

The budget held the line on education spending, increasing total spending from \$7.9 billion last year to \$8.2 billion this year, and committing to keep funding in line with enrollment growth, which came as welcome news to city schools that are seeing increases in student numbers.

However, St. Paul Education Regional Division chair Heather Starosielski noted there were still a lot of unknowns in the impact to the local school division.

For instance, with funding tied to enrollment, "you could actually see a decrease in some areas, if we see a decrease in enrollment in some of our schools."

Last year, the division saw a slight decline in enrollment, most noticeable in the Two Hill and Elk Point area schools, she noted.

The budget also will include funding for 24 new and modernized schools. While Mallaig and New Myrnam Schools are top on the division's list for modernizations, the government has not yet made announcements on whether any local schools will receive capital funding.

The school board was concerned in regards to Bill 1, in which the province is investing up to \$54 million in an effort to eliminate mandatory school fees, that the division would have to absorb the loss in revenue. However, Starosielski said that the Minister of Education David Eggen has since made it clear – "If Bill 1 does proceed, those fees would be offset by a new grant."

There are a couple of questions on school boards' minds as they plan their budget, the biggest of which is the carbon levy. The carbon levy added \$7,000 in costs of natural gas alone to the division in February, said Starosielski. Boards were hopeful the minister would announce grants to offset the increased costs on things like heating and transportation, but "it doesn't appear that's going to be the case," she said, adding that schools may get some funds from the climate leadership plan, but these will not be meant to offset the carbon levy.

Central bargaining is another question on the division's mind; teachers have been without a contract since August of 2016, and the government is still in negotiations to ink new contracts.

"They've committed if there's any (salary) increase, then it will be fully funded by the provincial government," she said, adding however, it is unclear if local divisions will be on the hook for any other changes made at the negotiating table that aren't related to salaries.

"It does affect us as we go into budget planning for 2017/2018 if we don't know what the cost implications of those are."

Inter-basin transfer could slow water line build

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

The construction of a waterline from Ashmont to Mallaig could take longer than anticipated due to an inter-basin transfer being required, and the process that is involved.

"Our water transmission line project that will bring high quality potable water from Ashmont to Mallaig requires an inter-basin transfer. The inter-basin transfer requires a Special Act of the Legislature to approve the transfer of water from the North Saskatchewan River Basin to the Beaver River Water Basin," explained County of St. Paul CAO Sheila Kitz at the March 14 meeting of Council.

As a result, the county must undertake a list of items required by Alberta Environment and Parks in order for the Special Act to be considered by the Legislature.

"We are hoping to meet with the minister next week to discuss our project and plans to inform and receive comments from the public. We already have the support of our local MLA regarding this project and the inter-basin transfer," said Kitz. "We do not know yet if we will be successful in get-

ting this onto the spring agenda as it is already in session. If we are not able to meet all the requirements and get this on the spring agenda, we may be delayed to the fall sitting of the legislature which will delay our project to a 2018 build."

The county is concerned about the timeline because the project is partially funded by the federal government, as well as the provincial government. The agreement between the parties is that there is a completion date of March of 2018, however it does speak to the county being able to apply for an extension to March 2019.

"Depending on how our meetings go in the next few weeks, we may need to speak to the Minister of Transportation to obtain an extension in order for us to meet the requirements of the Inter-Basin transfer," said the CAO.

An open house is expected to take place on April 12 in Mallaig. An environmental assessment of the area was finished on March 10, reported Kitz during last week's council meeting.

Dewberry

County of St. Paul council made a motion to deny support to the new Dewberry arena, which is seeing a shortfall of \$2.1 million.

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EDITORIAL

A whole lot of déjà vu

It was 33 years ago yesterday that the Elk Point Review became property of the St. Paul Journal, and that the current editor became a reporter for the Review, rather than the St. Paul Journal, taking over the editorial chair from Fija Schwab on September 1 of that same year. The staff at the time of the take-over also included receptionist Donna Boothman and advertising and commercial print salesman John McGregor, who also did the commercial print jobs in the back of the shop, across from what then was the Post Office, in his spare time.

Many, many changes have taken place over the years - Fija Schwab and Donna Boothman Young have long since left the area, and John McGregor, who left the Review to become the full time pastor at Elk Point Baptist Church, later moved on to become part of the Billy Graham Crusade. The post office of that time is now a real estate office, and the Review's first home is a beauty salon.

The news, however, is not that different from all those years ago. We are hosting a Provincial Hockey Tournament this week, as we did in 1987, the Elk Point Community Choir has just wound up their annual dinner theatre run, as they did in 1997 and 2002, and town council is ready for curb, gutter and street upgrades that didn't get done last year, not unlike a decade ago. Two of the 2007 Micro Novice Tornados, Chad Poitras and Chase Dorey, and two of the 2007 Novice Hurricanes, Austin Stafford and Brody Odgaard, who were part of that year's salute to hockey, are featured this week as part of the Midget Avalanche team that is hosting Midget D Provincials.

We've come a long way, readers, thanks to you.

RECREATION CORNER

Welcome to the Provincials teams and fans!

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It's Provincials weekend in Elk Point!

Congratulations to all the teams that have achieved the honour of making it to the Midget D Provincials. Your hard work, dedication to your sport and commitment to improve your skills has paid off. You should all be proud of how far you've come in your hockey careers.

The Town is especially proud of our own Midget Avalanche. The team earned their spot at the tournament and represent not only our community, but Zone 2. For many of the boys, this is their last year of hockey, some graduating high school this year and moving on to higher education after June.

Take in the memories you make on the ice this weekend and your time as an Avalanche fondly. Reflect on the people who got you to the big show, your parents and coaches who guided you and your community who supports your game.

To all the spectators, fans and visitors of our community, I hope you enjoy the games and our town. Please take some time to explore our community, restaurants, businesses and retail stores.

Go Avalanche!



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WAY BACK WHEN...

Provincial hosts, County Cup, sellout theatre crowds

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20 IN...

1987

Miss Lakeland, Kathy Mistol, dropped the ceremonial puck as the Elk Point Bantam Elks faced off against Smoky Lake, in a game which sent them off to the Bantam C Provincials in Coronation. Leanne Drobot and Barbara Naber were the top speakers at the Elk Point 4-H Beef Club's annual public speaking competition.

1992

Elk Point Junior Boys Crusaders defeated Glen Avon Panthers to win the basketball County Cup. It took 12 ends, six of them blanked, but Shamrock Valley Enterprises' Lyle Yerama, Leonard Gadowski, Bruce Norman and Murry Nielsen defeated Ron Dinkel's Nalco rink to win the 8th Annual Oilmen's Bonspiel.

1997

Elk Point prepared for a business boom as town council dealt with a development proposal for a 20-room hotel with restaurant, lounge and year-round tourist information facility, as well as preparing to get eight more industrial lots on stream. "Les Miserables" wowed three sellout crowds as Elk Point Community Choir and friends presented the first weekend of their annual dinner theatre.

2002

Elk Point came alive with "The Sound of Music" as Elk Point Community Choir and Friends hosted another very successful series of dinner theatre nights. Elk Point TrailRiders and Elk Point Chamber of Commerce were told they would have to wait for MuniCorr's final takeover of the former CN Rail line before proceeding further with their plans for develop-

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ment of the former station grounds.
2007

With a number of major community projects coming up in the near future, Elk Point town council reviewed its capital budget for 2007 at their regular meeting. In addition to completing the servicing for the new subdivision, council was looking at curb, gutter and street upgrades deferred the previous year.



PEEWEE AVALANCHE coaches Jim Vinge, Tony Meger and Jason Jenner congratulate Alex Kurash Memorial award winner Jared Vallee on his successful year with the team.

2012

Economic Development Committee chairman Don Schultz met with town council to express the committee's concerns with the town's plans for the north residential subdivision, including cul de sacs which the committee felt could lead to problems with parking and snow removal, as well as lot sizes and selling blocks of lots to developers. F. G. Miller High School gym was turned into a time machine as Elk Point's legendary Pacers men's basketball team came back for one last game in their old stomping grounds before \$5,683,000 expansion and modernization of the facility got underway.

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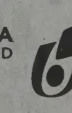
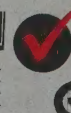


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National Quilting Day 2017

Elk Point Further Education celebrated National Quilting Day on Thursday by working on the charity quilts in the morning before enjoying a potluck lunch, a riotous game of 'strip poker' where Millie Orr (top left) won the pot of 2 1/2 inch strips of fabric, a fashion show of handmade bags proudly displayed by their creators (left), and sewing a mystery project which turned out to be a mat for their sewing machines. A thank you gift went to coordinator Verona Lea Flanders (right).



County Council

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The decision was made during the March 14 monthly council meeting. It was noted that there are a handful of players from the County of St. Paul who play hockey in Dewberry, because of how the Hockey Alberta boundaries are drawn.

"It keeps that community alive," said Division 1 Coun. Glen Ockerman, when speaking in support of the new arena project. He acknowledged that his own family uses the arena in Dewberry.

He also noted that the county wouldn't have to contribute a large amount, like \$40,000 or \$50,000, but even a smaller amount to simply show support.

Coun. Cliff Martin wasn't as supportive of the request, asking, "Where do you draw the line?" He noted that there are likely people from the County of St. Paul who go to Two Hills to use those facilities, or other similar examples.

"If the shoe was on the other foot, would they support one of our arenas?" questions Coun. Laurent Amyotte.

It was also pointed out that Vermilion County hasn't contributed financially to the project, and Dewberry falls within its boundaries.

Coun. Frank Sloan's motion to deny the request for funding was carried.

Fishing

During Tuesday's meeting, Kitz reported that Lac Bellevue will be put on a tag system for fishing Walleye, while Stoney Lake will likely remain catch and release for the time being.

LUB

Council carried first reading regarding a wording change in the Land Use Bylaw on Tuesday morning. The wording change will make it so that no livestock is allowed in residentially zoned parcels, within the County of St. Paul.

The wording change will also make it so there are no restrictions on the number of animals kept on agriculturally zoned parcels.

Ashmont event

Council agreed to allow for the closure of main street in Ashmont in order for the Protection for the Unprotected Show and Shine on July 22.

Annual General Meeting

County of St. Paul will once again host an Annual General Meeting for its ratepayers. The meeting will take place on May 9 at the Public Works Shop in St. Paul.

Waste meeting

Kitz reported on attending the March 9 meeting regarding the waste to energy project being spearheaded by the Town of St. Paul. She noted that there was a lot of interesting information, and the project could be "very exciting" if it moves forward.

Riverview

A letter is being drafted by the county's lawyer, as the municipality hopes to move forward on addressing issues in the Riverview community.

"Our Riverview issue relates to the hamlet's water and sewer infrastructure, which is coming to its end of life," explains Kitz. "The infrastructure was originally installed by the salt plant as the hamlet was made up primarily of their employees."

The county is hoping to discuss options with the salt plant regarding how to continue to service the residents that are there now.

Friendship Centre

Despite not committing to any type of financial assistance regarding a request from the Mannawanis Native Friendship Centre, County of St. Paul council recognized the urgency of the situation currently facing the local friendship centre.

Hinano Rosa, executive director of Mannwanis Native Friendship Centre, approached county council with a similar request that the organization had put before Town of St. Paul council Feb. 27.

Rosa explained the same details to county council, as he had explained to town council, stating the centre was in need of financial assistance to help keep its doors open for a few more months, due to a holdup in funding from the federal government.

Financially, the friendship centre has the means to stay open for three

months, but the federal government's delay means the centre need to operate for four months without funds.

The immediate needs expressed by the friendship centre total about \$27,000, said Rosa. He also noted, much like he did to town council, that he will be the first to let go of his position with the centre, and will instead volunteer his time when he can.

The centre hopes to keep its executive assistant and receptionist employed.

"I know I'm asking for a big number," said Rosa, when speaking to council on Tuesday.

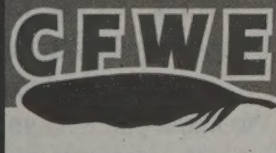
Coun. Cliff Martin said he felt the issue was with the federal government.

"It's a really tricky situation," said Martin, adding, the federal government was really "dropping the ball," in putting friendship centres in this situation. But, he also acknowledged that it's hard to commit to financial assistance until other groups also respond to the need.

"Once it closes, it's going to be very hard to put these back together again," said Martin, speaking on all friendship centres across the country.

CAO Sheila Kitz noted that the centres are very important organizations in the communities they serve.

Coun. Maxine Fodness made a motion to send letters to the federal and provincial governments regarding the issue. Council agreed to delay a decision on the request until its public works meeting on March. 28.



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Zone 7: Thunderstars

POOL B:

Zone 1: Valleyview Ice Bears
Zone 2: Smoky Lake Northstars
Zone 4: Eckville Eagles
Wild Card: Battle River Knights



HOST TEAM: Elk Point Midget Avalanche is coached by Gerry Kjenner (second from right), with the help of assistant coach Rodney Graus (left) and manager Christine Graus.

Photos courtesy Elk Point Minor Hockey

Game Schedule

THURSDAY

12 Noon: Smoky Lake vs Eckville
 2:30 p.m.: Valleyview vs Battle River
 5:00 p.m.: Hanna vs Thunderstars
 7:30 p.m.: OPENING CEREMONIES
 8:15 p.m.: Elk Point vs Pincher Creek

FRIDAY

9:00 a.m.: Smoky Lake vs Valleyview
 11:30 a.m.: Elk Point vs Hanna
 2:00 p.m.: Eckville vs Battle River
 4:30 p.m.: Pincher Creek vs Thunderstars
 7:00 p.m.: BANQUET

SATURDAY

10:00 a.m.: Battle River vs Smoky Lake
 12:30 p.m.: Valleyview vs Eckville
 3:00 p.m.: Thunderstars vs Elk Point
 5:30 p.m.: Pincher Creek vs Hanna

SUNDAY

Semi-finals

8:00 a.m.: Pool A 1st vs Pool B 2nd
 10:30 a.m.: Pool B 1st vs Pool A 2nd

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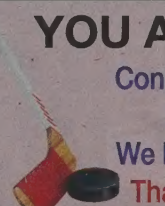


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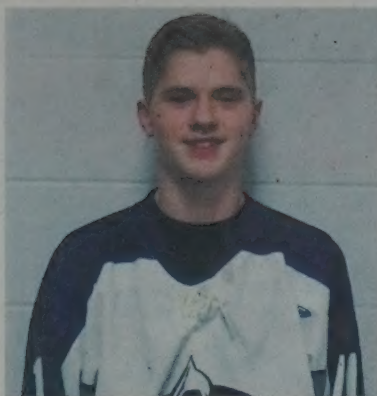
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AVALANCHE



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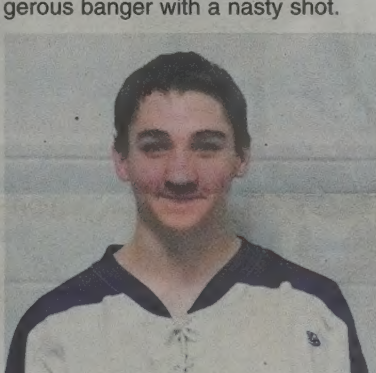
CHASE 'RINK RAT' DOREY

Great size for a first year midget, he has good skating skills, a sharp shooting sniper who honed his skills outside playing pond hockey.



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From the
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'A Day at the Java Shop & Greyhound Bus Depot' is Choir's 24th annual success

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

*"The Java Café and the Greyhound Depot,
Where you meet all kinds of interesting people...."*

Udo Mueller's original song that started off all five hilarious performances of this year's Elk Point Community Choir dinner theatre, just about sums up what you find when you spend a day, or the five days condensed into just over two hours, sitting in on the action at that busy Fort Macleod meeting spot.

Every town has its café where all the farmers and ranchers hang out and either flirt with or harass the long-suffering waitresses, where the local constabulary drops in for doughnuts and where the garage mechanics wander over from next door on their coffee break, and this appears to be Fort Macleod's. Even more interesting than that standard crew, however, are the people who arrive on the Greyhounds, and even via the once-in-a-long-time tour bus that splutters in, looking for repairs.

One of those waitresses is Josie (Shayla Cameron), a young lady just putting in time for her singing career to take off... and maybe it will happen at the next weekend's talent competition in Lethbridge. She's practicing every chance she gets, and croons Patsy Cline's hit, "Crazy" into a cat-sup bottle 'microphone' when the café isn't open yet and she thinks nobody's listening. Linda (Velma Hudson), the more 'seasoned' waitress, is a bit crazy too... crazy about RCMP Constable Larsen (John Sieben) who comes crashing through the door the minute it's unlocked to get his morning doughnut fix, after "a hard morning's work, to keep the brain cells sharp." They aren't sharp enough to figure out that he's a figure of interest to Linda, worse luck.

Young mechanic Kevin (Levi Jennings) might need his brain cells sharpened too, at least so he can overcome his shyness and gather up enough nerve to ask Josie for a date, and she's every bit as shy. Someone who isn't the least bit shy is Chantico (Dorothy Wuola), a Mexican girl just arrived in town and looking for a job, which she gets on the spot. Every café needs a bus girl, and she's turned up just when they could really use the help.

She's not the only one just off the bus, either. Bob (Kelly Burke) and Larry (Shaun Sheplaw) are just in from Lethbridge, where they just escaped from jail and Larry is telling Bob the legend a fellow inmate had told him about that bus depot, which has a secret tunnel leading from the grease pit to just under the vault of the bank across the street. If they can just finish that tunnel, they can snatch the loot and head off where nobody will ever think to look for them. But first, since the radio is already broadcasting their descriptions, they're going to need a disguise, and what better place to find one than on the 'lost baggage' rack? Even with the interruption of a trench coated peddler (John Gottenbos) who sells Bob a watch, they're soon dressed to the nines (or at least the four and a half's) as Lucy and Angela, and are already getting some interest from Leroy (Udo Mueller), an old rancher with an eye for the girls, much to the amusement of his crony Bill (Kendal Snyder). Twin

sisters, Sherri (Kiera Burke) and Mary (Kamryn Coleman), come to claim their sister's missing luggage, and after noting that 'Angela' has a dress just like their sister's, head off to find her motel with the confusing directions Leroy and Bill gave them.

Life as Lucy and Angela isn't easy, and the temporary females sing "It's Hard to Be a She" in the Robber's Song written by Mueller, and it gets even more difficult when mechanic Mac (Eric Sjolín) starts showing some very unwanted interest in Angela.

Bus driver Annie (Dixie Coleman) is ready to head out, right after she gives Kevin a pep talk about asking Josie for a date, but that course of true love is still not running smoothly.

Neither is the job of digging out those last few feet of tunnel into the bank, and 'Lucy' and 'Angela,' now wearing coveralls and back to being Larry and Bob, find it's quite a job to haul out the gravel they excavate, one bag at a time... especially when Bob's watch turns out to be untrustworthy and the waitresses arrive just as the boys and their gravel head out through the garage.

Now it's Josie's turn to give Linda a pep talk about her relationship with the constable, who right on cue, comes roaring through the door for his morning doughnut, and gills Chantico about where he might have seen her before. Linda, in turn, tells Josie how to look sexy for Kevin, who accidentally scares her and she falls off her chair... but he does pick her up, and hey, being held in his arms even that long is a start, and inspires her to sing about her "Sweet Dreams" of him.

Bill and Leroy are back for coffee again, Bill this time hounding waitress Maxine (Doris Osinchuk), who usually works the night shift. A guitar toting musician, who is not the drifter Maxine thinks he is, but really Johnny Cash (Bert Poulin) wanders in and sings "Ring of Fire" while he waits for his tour bus to be repaired, and when he finds out that Josie sings, invites her to join in "I Fall to Pieces."

Not long after that, the whole place threatens to fall to pieces, with the hardened criminals lining up waitresses, mechanics, bus driver and passengers to be shot, or held hostage and hauled off on the bus or in Kevin's truck, a situation that was solved by the right-on-schedule arrival of Larsen, who didn't even have time for his doughnut until he had the jail breakers handcuffed. He not only got a citation from the police chief (John Gottenbos), who said he was going to suggest Larsen to take over his job, but a big kiss from Linda, and promises of more to come. Josie was so impressed by Kevin's offer to be shot in her place that she forgot to be shy and invited him to the talent show. The twins caught the bus, Johnny Cash found his missing guitar pick, and everyone but the criminals ended up happy.

Director Barb Buryn and the rest of the Community Choir were also happy, having added a 24th annual success to their lineup of very successful theatre presentations.



LONG-SUFFERING WAITRESS Linda (Velma Hudson) has heard it all as she serves coffee to windbag rancher Leroy (Udo Mueller and his crony, Bill (Kendal Snyder) (above) and to escaped convicts Bob (Kelly Burke) and Larry (Shaun Sheplaw) (below).



NEW 'LADIES' ABOUT TOWN - Bob, alias Angela, and Larry, alias Lucy, explore their feminine side, thanks to the Lost Luggage department.



TWO OTHER NEWCOMERS, twins Mary (Kamryn Coleman) and Sherri (Kiera Burke) will be lucky if they ever find their destination, with the likes of Bill giving them directions to their sister's motel.



'A DAY AT THE JAVA SHOP....' had romance - as Mac (Eric Sjolín) tried to make time with 'Angela', top left, bus driver Annie (Dixie Coleman) gave Kevin (Levi Jennings) some advice (above) and Cst. Larson (John Sieben) just loves doughnuts (above right), and romance gone wrong, as 'Lucy' takes a whack at Leroy, who had apparently taken advantage of 'Angela' (left). It also had music, with none other than Johnny Cash (Bert Poulin) joining waitress Josie (Shayla Cameron) in a duet while his tour bus was repaired (right), and drama, as Bob and Larry held everyone at gunpoint and debated a getaway plan after the robbery, as Linda and Josie waited for Cst. Larson to come bursting in the door (below).



Child abuse prevention is mission for motorcycle group

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Protection for the Unprotected, a group already active in Cold Lake and Bonnyville, is spreading their efforts to stop child abuse across the Lakeland, and Elk Point resident Eric Ouellet says it's "time to get involved in this area and recruit local members and volunteers."

The organization's mission is "to prevent child abuse of any sort through education and public awareness, advocating for children, and partnering with other community support services" and their vision is to see "a society that offers all children a safe, healthy and nurturing environment; a place where children are valued and families are supported by a community dedicated to the well-being of every child."

Protection for the Unprotected has created a series of posters, each urging the public to "If you see it (child abuse), report it" and listing their 24-hour anti-bullying hotline number, 1- 888-456-2323? as well as advising readers to call 911 for emergencies. The group emphasizes that it is everyone's responsibility by law to report any abuse, and if abuse is reported to them, they will contact the RCMP and Child Services.

The society's members have all completed a criminal record check and a social intervention check and have earned the patches on their jackets by being productive members of society, with community involvement, volunteer work and visiting schools. The group attends various events, spreading awareness and their message, and the patches, according to a member interviewed by the *Bonnyville Nouvelle* after one of the events, "let kids know that when you see this patch, we are safe people to talk to. You can come to us for help, and we will help you."

They do not offer counseling and do not give their personal opinions, they just want children to know that abuse is not OK and that there are people out there who care and who will support and direct them in time of trouble.

More information about Protection for the Unprotected can be found on Facebook and on their website, protectionfortheunprotected.com

Many of their members are motorcyclists, but this is not what the group is about. However, the love of motorcycles does play a big part in their fundraising, with their Mid-Summer Show and Shine at Ashmont slated for July 24, with all funds raised used to support

kids in vulnerable situations through out the Lakeland. Billed as a family fun event, with face painting and bounce houses for the children and afternoon and evening entertainment for everyone, the event is hugely popular and brings proud bikers from across the region to show off their shiny treasures.

Other events have included toy runs picking up and delivering toys to Santa's Elves in Bonnyville and Santas Anonymous in Cold Lake, a ride against

bullying in Cold Lake and participation in Bonnyville's 'Walk a Mile in Her Shoes' fundraiser for the Doctor Margaret Savage Crisis Centre. They recently donated \$1,000 to KidSport Bonnyville.

Last year, the society was honoured with Cold Lake's Community Impact Award at their Volunteer Appreciation Gala.

Friends of Forts, Historical Society hold annual meeting

REVIEW STAFF

The Friends of Fort George and Buckingham House and Elk Point Historical Society held their joint annual meeting last week, with the executive of both groups returned for another year.

Fort George and Buckingham House Provincial Historic Site is gearing up for its 25th year of operation. Applications for four staff positions closed March 20 and interviews are coming up very soon. Program coordinator Ross Stromberg hopes that returning staff members, who would be familiar with the site's operation, will fill two of the positions. Staff training will start May 1.

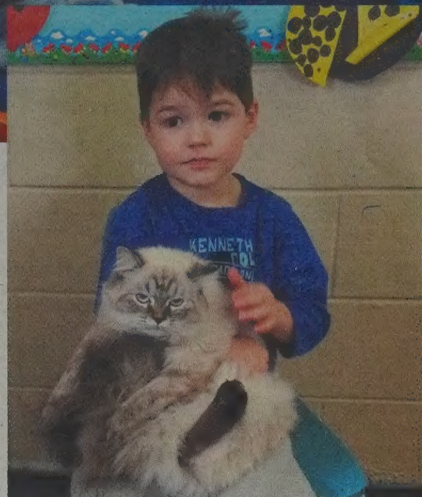
This year, the Forts will celebrate the site's 25th anniversary with one major event in mid July, combining the Bears and Berries Festival that previously occupied that time slot, and Bushcraft, which had small attendance when held in late August. The combined event will cover two days and features the Edmonton House Brigade, popular at last year's Bushcraft event.

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Bring Your Pet Day fun at Jack and Jill Playschool

This year marks the sixth annual Bring Your Pet Day for Jack and Jill Playschool, and instructor Tammy Klatt says, "It always amazes me how well the pets do in a new environment and how soon they relax and enjoy their time at school with the other pets and students." This year's event included dogs, one cat and the real live teacher's pet - a bunny - at each session, plus one stuffed animal and an aquarium of water creatures at the afternoon session.



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Pond Hockey

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Friends

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Stromberg had received the go-ahead from Alberta Parks to take an outreach program to area provincial parks, and plans to meet with County of St. Paul officials to determine if visits to the county campgrounds to promote the historic site and invite campers to come see it for themselves would be allowed.

Eleven school visits are already on the schedule for this year, Stromberg reported, and more interest in bookings was shown when he attended two recent teachers' conventions. Often, he said, "everyone wants the same date," and scheduling can be a problem, "so schools should book their dates soon."

The Historical Society may be undertaking at least one new project this year. The group's secretary-treasurer, Marvin Bjornstad, is looking into the possibility of creating e-books from some of the material the society has sold in print form in the past. This move would make it more economical for those wanting

to obtain the books, and would also solve the society's problem of where to keep a sizeable stock of printed books until they were sold, as printing small amounts of the books is costly and would increase the cost per copy.

Another project Bjornstad hopes to embark on is to scan and digitize copies of years of meeting minutes, and if this proves to work well, this could be a service the society could offer to other groups, he said.

The Historical Society is also concerned about the future of the original Elk Point School, which is part of the Elk Point United Church property. Society vice president Marjorie Scott offered to contact a representative of the now-closed church's board to find out if there is any possibility of having it preserved as a historic building, although, she noted, it is not on its original site. She also plans to contact a person from Alberta Historic Resources in this regard.

The next joint meeting for the Friends and the Historical Society is slated for May 11 at the Forts' interpretive centre.

**Pond Hockey takes over AGR**

Elk Point Pond Hockey played host to teams from across the area on Saturday for a day of fun and friendly activity on the ice as players learned new skills and made new friends.

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Overtime loss in semis takes Atoms out of 'D' championship final

Words, I'm sure, cannot heal the pain the little Atom Avalanche players, coaches and parents must have felt when they lost in the semi final game this past weekend in Delburne, especially after coming back from down two goals in the third period to tie the game, only to lose in overtime. But just getting to the semi finals is quite an accomplishment.



**doug
BASSETT**

Review Sports

job by the players and coaches, guys, we are all very proud of you!

Hey! No pressure, but it's all left up to you guys now to get us a provincial medal! I'm talking about the Midget Avalanche who will be hosting the Midget D Provincial finals two days from now. The tournament

starts on Thursday morning right after the coaches' meeting and the Avalanche play their first game Thursday night right after the opening ceremonies at 7:30 p.m. The midgets had two losses this past week as against my old friends, the Kitscoty Bulldogs, losing the best of three series for the league title and bragging rights for the summer of being champions of North East Tier 2 League. It's a rude awakening and a tough pill to swallow, especially how well this team played all year and for myself, knowing how many battles over the years we have had with them. Head coach Gerry Kjenner and his assistant Rodney Graus, I'm sure, have told their troops that this is not the time for doom and gloom; put that behind us now and focus on winning our games at the provincial final this coming weekend.

Gerry, who won a gold medal as an assistant coach with the Elk Point Bantam Lightning back in 1995 (the only one we have, by the way), has done a terrific job all year of making men out of boys. With hard work at practice, conditioning, making them earn their spot, giving them the desire, getting the boys to buy in to the long term commitment,

that, no matter what your role is you are an important part of this team. This is absolutely necessary to become winners. He knows, because he also has been on many winning teams himself, playing for years with the Dewberry Mustangs. His assistant, Rodney Graus, has worked with these boys since way back in peewee. His wife, the team man-

ager Christine Graus, works hard booking games, refs and other volunteers and has been committed all along too. You can read all about the players' bios in this week's special player profile edition on Pages 6 and 7.

And now for the K. A. quote of the week. "The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary!"



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